

Amendments to the Specification:

Replace the original paragraph beginning on page 5, line 25, with the following rewritten paragraph.

According to one feature of the invention, a system for printing and treating a recording element includes a printhead for dispensing a liquid comprising a carrier onto a recording element. A carrier removal station ~~positioned downstream from the printhead~~ removes an ~~predetermined percentage~~ amount of carrier present in the recording element. A converting station ~~positioned downstream from the carrier removal station~~ increases a durability characteristic of the recording element. The converting station provides support for the recording element to transition from one portion of a travel path for the recording element to another portion of the travel path which overlaps the one portion of the travel path

Replace the original paragraph beginning on page 6, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph.

According to another feature of the invention, a recording element printing and treating method includes printing a liquid comprising a carrier onto a recording element; removing an ~~predetermined percentage~~ amount of carrier present in the recording element; and increasing a durability characteristic of the recording element at a converting station, wherein the step of removing the predetermined percentage of carrier is distinct relative to the step of increasing the durability characteristic of the recording element wherein the converting station provides support for the recording element to transition from one portion of a travel path for the recording element to another portion of the travel path which overlaps the one portion of the travel path